

Column One BY David Courtney

THE scale of the apothecary is hard to grasp. Wild-eyed before his grubby crystal the foreteller of the future is in high demand from the 30th parallel to the Brandenburg Tor and from Washington to Jerusalem. It is evidence of the anxieties of a world quaking in fear of doom and lacking confidence in its means of averting it.

STALIN is dead, and Malenkov has risen in his place but Soviet Russia remains what Mr. Churchill once called it: a riddle, wrapped in mystery to give the world the sense of a thing.

MALENKOV is the new riddle. From all accounts a simple proposition that Stalin was the Soviet Union's master has not yet had time to die. He is out in the headlines, but he is known as a ruthless, brutalist and master-organizer with little of the personality and sense of the revolutionary antecedents of Stalin. He has not the makings of a doctrinal pontiff or the stuff of that personal authority by which Stalin was able to ensure to himself the loyalty of his subjects.

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Country is Re-divided Into Six New Districts

Division of the country into six administrative districts, three urban and three rural, was approved by the Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday. The new division, which becomes effective when gazetted, will replace the old mandatory division according to which certain areas in Israel are in theory part of districts whose centre is in Jordan-held territory.

District Delimitations

The delimitation of the six districts will be as follows: The Jerusalem District will take in the Corridor up to a line north-west of the Star Hagat-Hariv road; and southwards to a line near Agur and Nafiz-Halimel. The District comprises one sub-district.

The northern, eastern and southern limits of the Northern District are identical with the borders. To the west its limit is the line from Kfar Masaryk southwards to the interior of the country along the limit of the Hula District. Its centre is Nazareth.

The Central District is divided into four sub-districts: Safed, Kinneret (combined on Tiberias), Acre and the Jezreel Sub-District (combined on Nazareth).

The Hula District's limits will be from Kfar Masaryk to the sea, southwards to a point between Kfar Ata and Safad, and from there to Tel Hanan, along the road to a point between Yokneam and Kfar Yehoshua.

The Central District is centred on Safed and its limits are: to the north, the border of the Hula District, to the east the state frontier, to the west the southern limit of the Tel Aviv area and to the south a line from Kfar Masaryk to the sea.

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Work to Stop in Soviet Union At Noon Today for Stalin Funeral

MOSCOW, Sunday. — When dawn will throughout the Soviet Union at noon tomorrow work will come to a halt and the attention of millions will be centred on the Kremlin where the funeral ceremony for Joseph Stalin will be held.

Other Communist leaders who have taken their turn at guard today were President Klement Gottwald, of Czechoslovakia; Premier Bohdan Bittus, of Poland; Premier Matyas Rakosi, of Hungary, and Premier Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dea, of Rumania.

The new War Minister, Marshal Bulganin, called on the Soviet army today to rally its ranks even more closely around the Central Committee of the Party and the Council of Ministers of the Government.

In an Order of the Day, Marshal Bulganin demanded of the Army intensification of battle readiness and said it must be prepared to guard the State interests of the U.S.S.R.

He called for a strengthening of the battle might of the Army. The streets of Moscow have a solemn appearance today. Posters of every kind have been stripped from the hoardings and replaced with black sheets of white paper. Only Stalin tributes and government announcements appear on the hoardings.

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23 Killed as P.O.W.'s Riot in Korea Camp

TOKYO, Sunday. — U.N. troops quelled an attempted mass outbreak led by "disgruntled" Communist prisoners of war at Yoncho Island yesterday in which 23 North Koreans were killed and 42 wounded, U.N. Prisoner of War Command said today.

The announcement said that riot tactics were used to restore order at the camp after the second serious incident there in three days.

Demonstrations were staged by some 2,000 fanatical Communist North Korean prisoners of war, the U.N. Command said today. Guards were stoned and used tear-gas in retaliation, it said.

Order was restored only after a tactical squad opened fire. The U.N. Command said that on Thursday, Communist prisoners on Pongam Island attacked and stoned guards who were trying to quieten a "chanting, defiant mob." One prisoner was killed.

Shortly after yesterday's riot was subdued, U.N. liaison officers at Panmunjom received a letter from Communist delegates protesting at the deaths of "18 of our captured personnel" in a five day period between February 28 and March 4.

Claim 'Slaughter' The letter claimed that prisoners were "slaughtered" on Koje, Pongam and Cheju — three other Allied prisoner of war camps. "Your side has definitely not escaped the serious responsibility for this series of war crimes," it added.

Yoncho, a small island near Koje and south of Pusan, has a camp similar to that on neighbouring Pongam Island where 85 prisoners were killed in a similar riot last December.

On the Korean front today, infantry clashes and patrol actions continued for the fifth successive day, in the wake of the Communist's heaviest artillery fire for any 24-hour period this year.

The spring-like weather has encouraged the present flurry of attacks in which casualties have been suffered by both sides. (A.P. Reuter)

The purpose of the meetings, which are being arranged at President Chamoun's initiative, will be to review the Arab League charter and relations with the Western Powers, notably on defence.

President Chamoun is seeking to unify support for the West either in a regional defence arrangement or in any other acceptable plan.

The Lebanese Foreign Ministry has received a report from Ankara that a delegation of Turkish deputies will be arriving soon to prepare the way for a visit soon of the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Koprulu.

It is understood to be ready to submit to the Arab states a new plan for Middle East defence.

The General and Mr. Ismail Chiraga, Governor of the Punjab, toured the city yesterday. They said last night that they were "highly satisfied with the situation. The religious added: 'The people are beginning to see sense.'"

But he said that a number of rioters had taken refuge in mosques so as to continue "their nefarious activities."

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Bond Delegates Told 'Go Out and Collect'

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — A miniature shoe distributed to every delegate with the slogan "Use Shoe Leather — see 'em, sell 'em, wear 'em" was the theme of the business session of the Bond conference today.

Mr. Henry Monitor stressed the necessity of converting the \$500,000,000 in pledges into cash. Delegates discussed new techniques of collecting and selling, and they returned to their homes tonight imbued with almost a religious fervour for putting over the 1953 Bond campaign.

The national leadership of the conference voted to carry out the sale of \$100 million in additional bonds by December 31.

At the closing session, Mr. Abba Eban warned against making a Suez settlement "disassociated from relations between the two countries — Egypt and Israel — continues to the area."

He said the central link graphically, the Ambassador said, "The only true friends in the Middle East are those who assiduously encourage a peace settlement, the lack of which obstructs all prospects of advancement."

Mr. Eban stressed Israel's determination to maintain the integrity of its borders saying, "We could not be indifferent to any substantial increase in the military equipment of resources of a neighbouring state which claims self-determination."

Mr. Henry Morgenthau presented a plaque to Senator Robert Taft for his services to Israel.

2 Gov't Officials Held as Police Crack Forgeries for Draft-Dodgers

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Large-scale forgeries of identity cards to alter dates of birth, resulting in the shirking of military duty, was uncovered by the police in the course of the last three weeks.

Moshe Aluf, head of the Interior Ministry's Registration of Residents Bureau, and Hillel Boyer, one of his officials, were detained last Friday and were today charged with forgery. They were remanded in custody for 15 days each by Tel Aviv Magistrate Y. Kobar.

Police believe that other persons, both civil servants and intermediaries between them and applicants for forged identity cards, are involved. Several of these have already been detained for questioning and later released on bond.

Police Officer Y. Zinger who appeared for the state in court today claimed that the demand was necessary to prevent the suspects from communicating with their alleged clients. The investigation encompasses dozens and perhaps hundreds of persons, he said.

Mr. Y. Hoenkman, the defence attorney, pleaded for their release, saying they had been investigated for the past three weeks. The magistrate rejected the plea and said the accused

Prokofieff Dead At 62 In Moscow

MOSCOW, Sunday (UP). — Sergei Prokofieff, the composer, died of a cerebral stroke here on Wednesday. He was buried yesterday after lying in state in the Composers' Union building.

Prokofieff was Soviet Russia's best known and most popular composer in the Western world. He was the only important Soviet musician who, after being profoundly influenced by European culture, successfully navigated the perilous currents of official Soviet approval.

He went abroad in the first war and returned in 1924. From then on he consistently had to fight Communist criticism of his "bourgeois formalism."

Sergei Prokofieff was born in 1891 to an estate manager in Southern Russia. His mother was a pianist. He was a precocious child and wrote his first symphony at the age of six. He received his formal musical education at St. Petersburg Conservatory.

His most popular works in Europe and America were his musical fairy tale, "Peter and the Wolf," the "Scheherazade" and his opera, "Love for Three Oranges."

His "Homage to Stalin" and "On Guard for Peace" won him a Stalin prize in 1951.

Prokofieff's chief exponent abroad was Serge Koussevitzky, who called him "the greatest composer of our time."

ROSEN ACTING FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, has assumed the powers of the Attorney-General since the return of the Attorney-General from his trip abroad, it was officially announced yesterday.

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52 Marines Die As Egyptian Ship Sinks

ALEXANDRIA, Sunday (Reuter). — Fifty-two Egyptian marines were drowned when their minesweeper A-S-15 capsized and sank in a heavy gale 25 kilometres west of here last night.

After announcing the disaster today, Cairo Radio proclaimed a national day of mourning. The station's entertainment programmes were cancelled.

Sixty-two officers and ratings picked up by the 3,648 ton Polish ship, Czech were landed here this afternoon. The A-S-15's commander, Lt. Commander Abdel Raouf was among those rescued.

The 572 ton minesweeper, formerly of the Royal Navy, sailed from Alexandria yesterday on a gale breaker. High winds and eight metre high waves caused Alexandria harbour to be closed to shipping yesterday.

Dulles to Visit Cairo

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The Cairo correspondent of "The New York Times" reported today that Mr. John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, would visit Egypt in May.

The correspondent said that the statement from the Egyptian Foreign Ministry announcing Mr. Dulles' visit might have attracted less attention at some other time, but Arab leaders are on the outlook for any sign that the Republican Administration will give more emphasis to Arab affairs and less to Israeli affairs than did its predecessors.

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It is probable that the effects of Marshal Stalin's death and the assumption of power in the Soviet by a group of men under PERSIA MAY BE THE PACE SET THE PACE

in the first place, become apparent outside the USSR rather than within. President Eisenhower's first comment after the announcement of Stalin's death was an expression of anxiety regarding the effects of the Moscow news on developments in Burma and Persia. It is, indeed, fairly clear that the U.S. administration considers Persia to be particularly susceptible to the unbalancing influence of the Soviet. The anxiety about Persia existed, of course, long before Stalin was struck down and his successors raised up; and was due to grave uncertainty about the capacity of the Premier, Dr. Mossadegh, to retain control of the country against the powerful forces ranged against him. It was for this reason that the United States sought to reach an understanding with Britain in the dispute between that country and Persia on the subject of oil. Those concessions were embodied in the most recent proposals put to Premier Mossadegh by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Loy Henderson, and were strengthened by generous U.S. offers of immediate financial aid.

According to a communiqué issued in Washington on Saturday, the American proposals now before Dr. Mossadegh have the full approval of the British Government. All the evidence, however, indicates that the Persian Premier will reject the proposals as they stand, although it is thought in Washington that he may be willing to take them as a basis for further negotiation. This might be regarded as a hopeful sign if it were not for the fact that Dr. Mossadegh is engaged in a power-struggle with the Shah which may force him to accept the support of the extreme elements in the country, notably the pro-Soviet Tudeh party, which is less concerned to refill the State's empty Treasury than to exploit the oil dispute to its political advantage. The influence of the new Soviet rulers will be used to aggravate a situation which threatens one of the major oil resources of the Western world and encourages instability throughout the Middle East or, rather, Mideast, as Mr. Henderson will prefer to keep the Soviet's external responsibilities — and risks — at their present limits.

Although Dr. Mossadegh's conflict with the Shah and — on another front — with the fanatic Nationalist leader, Mullah Kashani, must for the moment be his main preoccupation, it is unlikely that he has failed to realize the extent to which the latest events in Moscow have improved his bargaining powers with the West. He may, therefore, demand still further concessions from Britain. In the present mood of the British and American Governments, he may end by getting a good deal more than in other circumstances. Like General Nasser in Egypt, he has seized his opportunity and set for the Moslem countries of the Middle East a pace that few of them will hesitate to follow. The next few weeks should reveal the extent, if any, to which the new Soviet rulers are willing to go with the subject of accelerating the pace.

Hebrew Union College House Planned for June
Plans for the establishment of a Hebrew Union College House in Jerusalem offering dormitory, study and worship facilities for visiting students, faculty and alumni, were announced recently by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, a seminary of Reform Judaism.

A number of HUC-JIR undergraduates have been going to Israel each year for specialized study. The projected house would serve them as well as faculty members and alumni working or studying in Jerusalem for limited periods. It would also serve as a base for projected field activities by the College's Department of Biblical Archaeology.

The house will contain a library, a chapel, a lecture hall, and approximately 100 beds.

FELLOW FEELING AMONG LATIN-AMERICAN LEADERS Peron Now Turns to Chile

By J. HALCRO FERGUSON
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THE recent Gilbertian goings-on in the South Atlantic, where the British Navy solemnly removed Argentine sailors from the disputed ice-floes of Deception Island, have their serious side.

For many decades the territorial dispute in this region has been purely between Britain and Argentina, and largely confined to polite Argentine Notes asking the British to get out of the Falkland Islands and polite British Notes asking the Argentinians to get out of South Georgia, with neither country seriously expecting the other to comply. National pride has blocked any agreement; besides, both countries hope to find vast if unspecified natural resources under the Antarctic wastes. Chile, whose claims conflicted with Argentina's, grumbled impartially and ineffectively at both parties.

British Blunder
Now, however, Chile and Argentina have agreed on their respective zones of influence, and both countries protested simultaneously at the British action, although no Chileans were involved. The timing of the British sortie made it a major diplomatic blunder, for it came when President Peron was exerting maximum pressure on his neighbour to join the Argentine economic and political bloc which he plans to form, and just before his official visit to the Chilean President, General Carlos Ibáñez del Campo, the first such visit for over half a century and one which may have far-reaching consequences.

General Ibáñez, a retired Army officer who was a "strong man" President during the 1930's and is an outspoken admirer of Peron, was re-elected last year despite charges of nepotism and corruption. He is believed to be a pro-Chilean politician. His success was due partly to the barter of propaganda posters across the border from Argentina, partly to the encouragement of Chilean businessmen, who believed in his promise to reduce the rising cost of living, and partly to the lack of cohesion among his opponents. But most of all, probably, it was due to the fact that he was the only one who was not a politician.

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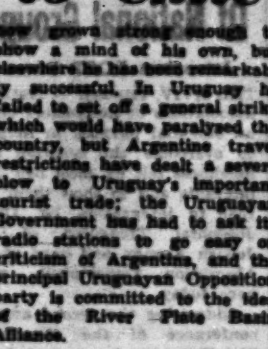
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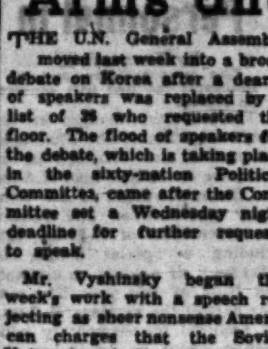
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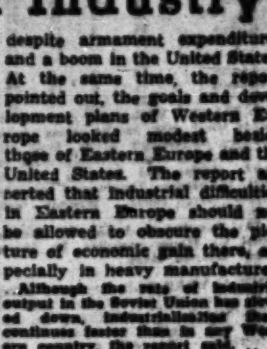
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